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2. CHINA: Nationalist Navy withdrawing from Tsingtao--US Embassy Nanking and the Commander US Naval Forces Western Pacific have been informed that Chiang Kai-shek has approved plans for the removal of the Tsingtao Naval Training Base and other naval installations to southern Taiwan. The Embassy indicates that the Chinese Naval Academy, now at Tsingtao, is to be established on the mainland at Amoy.

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Fall of Nanking thought imminent- [redacted]

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[redacted] has been informed by a usually reliable source that the feeling is prevalent in the Nationalist High Command that Nanking can hold out no longer than ten days to two weeks after Government forces in the Hsuchou sector have been annihilated. [redacted] reports that all civil and military aircraft available are to be used in an effort to supply the encircled Nationalist units. [redacted] adds that Chiang Kai-shek is pleading with General Chennault to re-form the American Volunteer Group by any means possible.

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[redacted] a Nationalist
High Command report that the two surrounded Nationalist groups
in the Hsachon-Panglou area can hold out for only a few more
days. [redacted] considers that the situation in this sector is hope-
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